



# Laingsburg Lions Newsletter

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## 2011-2012 Officers

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2 Yr Board Member**

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Publicity Director**

**Clyde Stanlake,  
Immediate Past President**

## *From The Prez...*

Lions members,

Wow, I cannot believe how quickly the first 7 months of my Presidency has flew by. It has been a pleasure being your President and for all the support and guidance you have given me.

Here is what your hard work and dedication to our club has been able to provide to our community.

We have added four new members this year have 54 members (1 transferred, 2 dropped).

- Golf Outing--gave \$1200.00 to Welcome Homes--Golf outing this year June 23. We need players and sponsors!!
- Put a new roof on city storage shed \$2600.00 at the Bates Scout Park
- Gave \$1000.00 for benches at the High School football field
- Gave \$1000.00 for picnic tables at the Middle School
- Gave \$1000.00 to Library for Kindles
- Gave \$1050.00 for Christmas baskets to 21 families
- Gave \$750.00 to Girl Scouts
- Gave \$1,660.00 to LHS band to help pay for New Drums
- Put on two Community Soup Socials (Nov. with 99 attendees, Jan. with 70 attendees)

Feb. 16 next social at Congregational Church) free to all citizens, menu is spaghetti and garlic bread.

A reminder that our Senior Citizens dinner is scheduled for March 22.

A visit to Leader Dog is March 3rd, contact John Carroll if you are interested in going

Finally, our Springtime Festival is on Mother's Day weekend in May again this year. Looking for volunteers and a Co-Chair to serve with Larry Sparkes.

Thanks again,  
Terry Fraidenburg



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## Member Anniversary Dates

No, it's not marital anniversaries. This is the place I'll list the anniversary date of joining Lions according to the roster. This month there is:

Mike Foster in Jan, 2010  
Bill Rosenquist in Jan, 2010  
David Shinsky in Jan, 2010  
Clyde Stanlake in Jan, 1992  
Keith Townsend in Jan, 1958  
Edgar Kemp in Mar, 1975  
Thomas Mahoney in Mar, 1972  
Robert Saxton in Mar, 1986

Congratulate them at the next meeting on their continued service to Lionsim,!

## Library Donation

Below is a photo of President Terry and Treasurer Mike presenting our "check" to the library for \$1,000. Donations like this come from the hard work we all do as members during our fundraisers so keep up the good work!



## Upcoming Events & Meetings

- January 26, 2012 - Regular Mtg
- February 9, 2012 - Regular Mtg
- February 16, 2012 - Board Mtg – fire hall
- March 3, 2012 – Club Leader Dog visitation (see sep. article)
- March 8, 2012 - Membership Mtg – Bring A Guest!!!
- March 15, 2012 - Board Mtg – fire hall
- March 22, 2012 - Senior Citizens Dinner

## December Board Notes

At your December Board meeting, a number of items were discussed. One item was our participation in providing the final funding for the replacement of several drums for the school. It was passed to provide \$1,660 to replace 4 snare, 2 tenor, and a bass drum with cases for all.

Also discussed was the possibility of our helping a local couple that was in a car accident. We agreed to provide a \$50 gift certificate for Christmas and the possibility of doing something else as help with others in a benefit for them. See the January Board article for more information on this.

A request was also received for the building of a ramp for a needy individual. It was tabled until an investigation can take place.

The board voted to provide 50 \$5 gas cards to the Christmas tree down at Cinders who is working with the bank as well on this holiday event.

It was decided to have a Membership Night on March 8, 2012. See the separate article for more information on this event. Plan now to bring a guest!

Finally, the board voted to purchase \$100 worth of Lions of Michigan Sweepstakes Raffle tickets for the club.



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## *Leader Dog Visitation*

Our club is planning a visitation to Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester.

It will be March 3, 2012 and is scheduled to leave the Perry Burger King at 9:30 a.m. The bus will return to the same location around 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10/person which includes a box lunch.

If you've never been to Leader Dog, this is a great opportunity to experience the facility and possibly what it's like to be led by a dog while being blind.

Leader Dog is one the largest providers of guide dogs in the world. For years, our club promoted and funded a puppy program for the early training of dogs that go there for formalized training.

## *Christmas Party*

Our annual Christmas party at Cinder's brought out 41 members and guests. A nice dinner was enjoyed by all.

After dinner, a couple announcements were made by Lion Dave Hasselbach standing in for President Terry Fraidenburg.

Then the raffles came and Lion "Slug" was the big winner of the 50/50 (same ol winners?).

If you missed it, you missed a good time and hopefully, you'll attend next year.



## *Membership Night!*

Your board decided to have another Membership Night for the club. This can be a lot of fun if most everyone takes an active part.

The way it works is that the club wants each and every member to make a real attempt to bring a guest that is a prospective member to the club's regular meeting on **March 8, 2012**.

Members do not have to do any "sell job" at all and it will NOT be a hard sell meeting either. All our current members will have to do is introduce their guest.

It will be a regular meeting where the guests can enjoy the fellowship and the Tail Twister's "antics".

The program will be a brief outline of what the club and Lions clubs in general is all about answering commonly asked questions that a prospective member might want to know such as dues amounts, how we spend our money, how often the meetings are, etc.

We'll tell our guests also how we support our community and encourage them to become involved also as we can do much more as a group than individually.

We normally have around 30 members present at our meetings. So if every member would bring a guest and half of these guests join in the fun, that will be another 15 members in our club!

Please make every effort to ask a friend, neighbor, golf partner, or whomever to come and join us on this special evening.

We hope to see you all at the meeting and with a guest or even two!



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## *A Note From Your New Publicity Director*

President Terry has asked me to fill in as your new Publicity Director for the club. It has been some 20 years since I put out a newsletter although I used to do up to 3 per month including club and district.

So bear with me and I'll do the best I can. I will also do my best to be a good board member for the club and make any voting decisions based on the best interests of the club.

If there's anything you'd like to see included in the newsletter, feel free to jot it down and give it to me at a meeting or email it to me at [ejslansing@aol.com](mailto:ejslansing@aol.com).

We're hoping to email this newsletter to as many of our members as possible to minimize postage mailing costs (not to mention paper, toner and envelopes) so if your email address is not on the roster, please see President Terry or myself and provide it so we can ensure you get the newsletter each time it comes out.

Also watch for this newsletter on our website. It will be posted there shortly after emailing it out to our members.

PDG Eric Schuman

## *Issue Joke*

An 85-year-old widow went on a blind date with a 90-year-old man.

When she returned to her daughter's house later that night, she seemed upset.

"What happened, Mother?" the daughter asked.

"I had to slap his face three times!"

"You mean he got fresh?"

"No," she answered. "I thought he was dead!"

## *January Board Notes*

The January Board meeting went well with a good turnout. Officer reports were presented and passed.

Items discussed under old business included the soup kitchen, park project, Leader Dog visit, Sawdust Santa project, a wheelchair ramp for a local person, and helping the couple that had the accident with a donation to their benefit dinner.

New business had discussion on our annual father/child meeting which the board voted to abandon in the future due to low turnout. Also discussed was the Senior dinner coming up, a photo op time for the band donation we made, and approval for eyeglasses to a needy person.



Program for the Father/Child Night was very entertaining and well received.